

**COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY KEY SERVICES DIALOGUE
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What do you like best about Tucson? What would you most like to see improved about Tucson?

LIKES

- All Soul's parade
- Bike year round
- Caring community
- Creativity is fostered
- Environment
- mountains
- Respect for diversity
- Strength in the people
- Strong neighborhond
- Weather
- Wingspan, support of
- Bike Facilities
- Climate
- Environment
- Flood control
- Handicapped Facilities
- Nature
- Parks
- Recreation Program
- Recycling
- Scope of Responsibility – Including amazing neighborhoods
- Small town feel
- Sonoran Desert
- 300 days of sunshine
- Trees
- Variety and Scope
- Zoo
- Availability of public transportation
- Desert arts/culture
- Desert environment
- Diversity
- Festivals/culture
- Hiking/trails
- 'Layed Back' style of community
- Openness/welcoming
- Outdoor livability
- Parks and Recreation
- Park facilities/classes/zoo

- Responsiveness of Mayor and Council
- Small town atmosphere
- Strong cultural life
- Symphony
- Close knit community
- Community is a blend of cultures
- Dedicated and creative people
- Great weather
- Low light pollution
- Natural beauty, open space, mountain views
- Sense of place – keep historic
- Small, locally owned businesses
- University of Arizona
- Classes/parks/Pima Community College/University of Arizona
- Diversity of community
- Downtown getting better
- Downtown Revitalization
- Feel adequately safe
- Friendly people/sun/activities
- Therapeutic recreational activities through parks
- Tucson icons – Courthouse – Paul Bunyan – Snake Bridge
- Zoo – great for community size (proposition 200)
- Can get involved in the community
- Caring community
- Community spirit
- Diverse cultures/very accepting
- Do more with less
- Environment (investment)
- International airport that is not huge
- Sense of place

IMPROVEMENTS

- Better paying jobs
- Bridges
- City government
- Decrease parking fines and get Parkwise out of neighborhoods other than the University of Arizona and downtown
- Decrease spending
- Educational system for adult learners
- Have business and private individuals support non-profits, non-governments
- Have City Government follow laws
- Housing
- Include open space in parks
- Important management expansion of resources of all emergency services
- Infrastructure

- Job retention
- Limit population growth so we have enough water
- Look at different growth models
- Make new development pay for itself entirely
- More bikes lanes
- Sewer
- Streets
- Sun Tran
- Bike facilities
- Code enforcement
- Divisionism – fractionalism
- Flood control
- Lack, disrepair sidewalks
- Lighting
- Neighborhoods accessibility, out of town owners, absentee landlords
- Pollution, dust, emission, mine related air quality issues
- Stadium
- Streets
- Transportation bottlenecks
- Accumulation of transit on public property
- “Cluster” commercial development, better planning
- Dedication to education
- Evaluate fees for services
- Fewer strip malls
- Growth should pay for itself
- Improvement in public transportation. More opportunities, fewer cars
- Less sprawl
- Light rail beyond what is planned
- Limit over building of housing
- Maximize use of vocal assets
- More diverse ‘voices’
- More funding for arts and youth
- More involvement in City Government and issues (more people should be involved)
- More pedestrian friendly - *sidewalks*ADA*narrower streets
- More road repair
- Poorly lit streets
- Remember water (lack of) + water harvesting – education
- University of Arizona – should be a better contributor to community
- Communication between U of A president and City of Tucson Downtown
- Crime prevention
- Historic preservation of neighborhoods
- Improve lighting for safety
- Improving quality of community conversations
- Invest in after school programs for children and teens
- Ongoing maintenance of infrastructure

- Regulate mini-dorms
- Resume street maintenance
- Treat and recognize residents as equal investors in Tucson
- Bike lanes
- Can we get smaller buses
- Gang/graffiti problem
- Government and community perspective on public safety “more Wyatt Earps doesn’t make us more safe”
- Lack of bus service
- More communication between departments
- Not strong enough value on education including after school activities
- Raise quality of youth development/education opportunities
- Roads
- Sense of isolation – separateness – need more community building
- neighborhoods-neighborhoods compartmentalized
- sprawl
- Traffic
- Tucson dependent on tourism – need to develop economic base that will
- not be so dependent
- Alcoholism and drunk driving
- Break down silos
- J-walkers with entitlement
- Infrastructure system approach to community and community change
- Improve communication between three levels of government (state, federal and local)
- Improve the quality of our built environment (housing and transportation)
- Respect each other
- Retain young creative class
- Work together on problems

What services would you like to maintain or cut? Why?

MAINTAIN

- Expand/keep Channel 12 (retain) (combine with Access Tucson)
- Maintain Civic Arts and Culture
- Maintain Economic and Workforce
- Maintain Police Safety, Environmental Services, and Parks
- Maintain prevention activity (Parks, Community Services (Housing), Human Services and Environmental Services)
- Retain existing services, but look at possible future relocation and adding them based on future study
- Affordable recreation
- Air, H2O
- Children’s items – zoo, parks, KIDCO

- Parks, visual arts, leisure, arts and crafts
- Affordable housing
- After school programs (teens)
- Arts/culture
- Clean water and garbage collection
- Evaluate fee structures to make services self sustaining
- Evaluate services for privatization
- Festivals/cultural events
- Fire and Police should be left at current levels
- Fire suppression
- Land Use Code/Code Enforcement
- Maintain park system
- Police patrols
- Pro-neighborhoods
- Public transit
- Recreation/neighborhood centers
- School and jobs
- Access Tucson
- Arts funding
- Different types of public transit (smaller buses)
- Dissuade urban sprawl
- Parks/Green spaces
- Arts and Culture – to increase visitor base and revenue stream
- Connection to Weed and Seed
- Education vs Punishment
- Job Path/School Plus Jobs – more cooperation with schools
- Prevention Programs in Parks and Recreation
- Pro-neighborhoods
- Teen parenting programs
- Youth Leadership development programs – “Best Practices”
- Keep the small 7 because they are important to people
- Public Transportation – it is needed. Not everyone can afford a vehicle

CUT

- Administrate to eliminate District Offices and reduce overhead
- Change Pension benefits to reflect 401K approach
- Eliminate Channel 12
- Eliminate Department of Neighborhood Resources
- Reduce Administrator’s travel out of state
- Reorganize Parks
- Review City Compensation package and reduce higher salaries (top levels)
- Fire department/partial
- Golf course maintenance/watering
- Review Police and Fire for potential study
- 10% across board

- TPAC
- Zoo and parks
- Critical path institute
- Economic/workforce development
- Leisure classes (evaluate fees)
- Metropolitan Education Commission
- Reassign/eliminate underutilized vehicles/equipment
- Spring training
- Street sweeping
- TREO should be self sustaining
- Tucson Women's Commission
- Access Tucson
- Arts funding
- No more annexation
- Support for professional sports
- Suspend Police hiring and recruitment
- Code Enforcement
- Deter downtown visits
- Evaluate TPD patrol and field study
- Evaluate TREO's direction/goals
- Parking meters
- Procurement process
- Radar camera speed enforcement
- Review programs that don't have direct funding from the "people" – ancillary funds
- TPD Tactical support
- Wash Signage
- Brush and bulky: not everyone uses it and brings outsiders to our neighborhood. People could get someone to take away. Cut services.
- Cut all the district and capital budget to transfer funds to others to empower to help each other
- Regionalization of departments
- Utilize City properties to subsidize as cash or in kind

**What new resources, revenues or efficiencies should be pursued?
Explain.**

- Calls to encourage neighbors to resolve non-safety issues (aesthetics)
- Charge sales tax to professionals, (e.g., attorneys) advertising and apartment owners
- Charge taxes for extraordinary use of City services (Stupid Motorist Law)
- Efficiencies – Department of Code Enforcement – prioritize
- Have City and County comply with M.U.T.C.D. (traffic control devices)
- If you raise taxes, make and apply to a specific need
- Make commercial and residential and water rates equal

- No new revenues
- Reallocate money from Council offices to create neighborhood councils that would resolve issues at lowest level
- Tax junk food
- Tell Police to leave bicyclists alone
- Joint facility use, schools and city, etcetera
- City/County sharing
- Regional consolidation
- Bars and saloons taxes
- Bonds
- Bring in businesses that generate revenues and jobs
- Existing business expansion
- Fees/taxes on discretionary activity
- Regional consolidation
- Service fee scales (sliding)
- Sin taxes
- Development fee increase
- Evaluate restrictive uses for structures
- Gem Show revenue
- Impact fees to cover full costs
- Neighborhood involvement in street, landscaping, repairs (neighborhood partnerships)
- Neighborhood 'waste' eyes and ears (water, energy, etcetera)
- Public involvement in public safety – prevention approach
- Retrofit exist housing
- Reuse of existing structures
- Unincorporated areas – increase services revenue
- Water cost increase
- Water harvesting and solar saves money
- Appropriate location of student housing
- De-annexation, thin population areas are more expensive to provide core services to
- need-based street maintenance
- Encourage U of A to increase high density housing on campus
- Increase park fees for ramadas
- Investigate alternate revenues used by other Arizona cities
- Make it easier for neighborhoods to maintain traffic circles, etcetera
- Maximize use of impact fees to reflect true cost
- Need more stable tax base
- Restrict evening hours at parks to save energy
- Revisit landlord laws, red tag ordinance
- Benchmark City fees with other cities
- Decrease Senior bus subsidy from .40 -.50
- Increase bus service and make it free (will save on roads)
- Increase water delivery fee for out of City services
- Local currency system

- More cross system collaboration (ex: TUSD/City)
- More progressive tax base
- New tax on junk food and soda and put revenue into “health programs”
- Recreation programs are income generators – why cut? Increase seniors fees
- “Relocalization” promote in-City businesses
- Use empty sports facilities for fairs (arts and craft)
- Volunteers receive passes for buses/City classes call to volunteerism
- Bake sales
- Consolidation of City and County departments to improve efficiencies
- Get more CRA investment through advocacy and monitoring
- Inventory all fees/prices
- Not business friendly – change business process - bureaucratic – helpful – let’s help you anyway we can
- Online payment of City bills
- Philtrrophic micro-lending
- Sales tax to thrift stores
- Utilization sale of idle City assets, land

What services should we invest in for our community’s future?

- Continue improving livability in the City
- Invest – housing and human services
- Invest in downtown
- Invest in funding for arts and culture
- Invest in job creation – to retain our youth
- Invest in more bike lanes/facilities
- Parks/green space
- Adult and youth – leisure and recreation programs
- Bike safety, paths, car pool
- Business retention and expansion
- Children’s programs – preventative/diversion – includes music and nonsports
- Efficiencies – do more/better with current resources
- Growth control
- H2O + water efficiency, conservation, harvesting, use limits
- Improve relations with State
- Job creation and retention
- Long-term environment
- Senior services – VanTran, transportation
- Affordable housing for those less fortunate
- Code revisions to promote reuse/rehab
- Community gardens/urban agriculture
- Encourage local small business
- Growing from the inside – local first
- Public transit for those less fortunate
- Solar and water capture

- Strengthen arts/culture – “quality of life”
- Sustainability
- Utilization of land/water/solar/parks/code development
- Better manage fire mileage
- Culture, art
- Invest in existing infrastructure
- Land Use Code serves as deed restrictions for neighborhoods that don’t have them
- Preserve natural environment
- Realize the Rio Nuevo dream
- Smarter crime prevention
- Stop growth, contract
- Bicycle Kiosks throughout the community – solicit bikes from the community
- Continue to invest in Housing and Human services
- Encourage water harvesting especially in the University
- Increase emphasis on youth
- Increase use of solar energy in City facilities
- Look to other communities for good ideas
- Make sustainable energy more affordable
- Preserve Tucson’s uniqueness
- Recycled goods warehouse
- Relocalization – support local business
- Economic and workforce
- Education
- Identify services for people to do for themselves with a small budget
- Invest in pro-neighborhoods
- Light rail from airport to UMC
- Parks and Green space
- Street and road maintenance
- Transportation and energy-solar panels